

July Public Programs

Great Meadows National Wildlife Refuge



"MEET THE RANGER"

Meet a refuge park ranger every Saturday and Sunday morning at 11:00am for an informal refuge talk or activity. We will meet at the base of the observation tower in the Concord Unit parking lot.



Photography workshop: *Shooting for Publication*

Tuesday, July 2nd 7-9pm

Location: Sudbury Unit of Great Meadows*

Whether your ambition is to become a full-time professional, enter photo contests, or just take better nature shots, this workshop could be the first step toward seeing your photo credit in a major publication. Lindsey Brown draws upon his 18 years of professional experience to share some of the lessons that he has had to learn the hard way. Participants are encouraged to ask questions and bring examples of their own work for critique.



Birding the Great Meadows

Thursday, July 11th 7-9am

Location: Concord Unit of Great Meadows*



Join noted ornithologist Simon Perkins from the Massachusetts Audubon Society for a birding excursion along the dike trail. Simon will share techniques for identifying this season's migrants. This program is suitable for adults and older children.

Photography workshop: *New England Nature*

Wednesday, July 17th 7-8:30pm

Location: Sudbury Unit of Great Meadows*

Join Jake Mosser in a celebration of nature in the northeastern corner of the United States. This inspirational and instructional presentation covers techniques, equipment, and locations. It is designed to aid those seeking interesting nature subjects and destinations within the region and to coach those new to the art of nature photography.

Junior Birding

Friday, July 19th 9-10am

Location: Concord Unit of Great Meadows*

This is a great program for kids who are just beginning to take an interest in birding. We will cover the basics of birding and then look for birds along the dike trail. Bring binoculars and a field guide if you can.

Those Busy, Busy Bees

Sudbury Unit

Wednesday, July 24th 9-11am

Location: Sudbury Unit of Great Meadows*

Take a peek into the fascinating world of the honey bee and learn about the complex nature of this incredible insect. Participants will get first-hand knowledge from a beekeeper who has experience raising these busy workers. This program is suitable for all ages and families.

Can You Dig It?

Thursday, July 25th 10-11:30am

Location: Sudbury Unit of Great Meadows*

Get down and dirty with the various kinds of soil at the Refuge! Examine and learn hands-on about the differences between wetland, forest, and field types of soil and how soil types influence vegetation types. This program is suitable for all ages.



Pond Exploration

Sunday, July 28th 9-10:30am

Location: Concord Unit of Great Meadows*

Discover, up close and personal, a multitude of tiny critters that live in the Refuge's watery habitats. Learn about the role these micro-life forms play in Refuge food webs. Suitable for all ages, especially children.

Wetlands Walk

Tuesday, July 30th 10-11:30am

Location: Concord Unit of Great Meadows*

Did you know that 85% of Great Meadows NWR is wetlands? Take a stroll along the dike trail and learn about the biodiversity of these wetlands, and why protecting this vanishing habitat is so important.

Unless otherwise noted, advance registration for all programs is required. Space is limited, so reserve your place by calling (978) 443-4661 x16. Refuge staff and/or program instructors reserve the right to cancel programs due to insufficient enrollment.

For more information about the Eastern Massachusetts National Wildlife Refuge Complex, including public programs please visit our website:

<http://easternmanwrcomplex.fws.gov/>

* Programs at the Concord Unit meet at the Refuge parking lot off Monsen Road, approximately 1 mile from Concord Center. Programs at the Sudbury Unit meet at Refuge headquarters on Weir Hill Road in Sudbury. For directions please visit our website or call (978) 443-4661.